

What's New in the MPDC

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POLICE CADET PROGRAM OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR DC YOUTH

In an effort to ensure a steady supply of qualified police officer candidates for the future, and to provide DC youth with public service career opportunities, the MPDC is kicking off a Police Cadet program. Under the program, scheduled to begin later this year, between 20 and 30 high school graduates from the District will be hired by the MPDC on a part-time basis working in various civilian capacities. They will also attend the University of the District of Columbia, working toward their associate's degree. After two years, successful candidates will enter the MPDC Training Academy to begin training as Metropolitan Police officers. The next Cadet Program test date is April 28, 2001, at 8 a.m. at the Institute of Police Science at 4665 Blue Plains Dr., SW (call the Office of Recruiting 202-727-2767 for more information). The Police Cadet program is a partnership of the MPDC, DC Public Schools and the DC Department of Employment Services.

Complete information about the Police Cadet program is now available on the MPDC Web site:

www.mpdc.org
(Click on Career Opportunities)

CHIEF RAMSEY REPORTS TO COUNCIL ON MPDC FY2002 BUDGET

For information on Mayor Williams's entire FY2002 budget and financial plan, go to:

dc.gov/mayor/budget_2002/index.shtm

The Chief also testified this week on MPDC performance before the US Senate on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia. Read that statement at:

www.mpdc.org **(Click on News)**

Chief Ramsey on Friday briefed members of the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary on the MPDC's proposed budget for fiscal year 2002, which begins in October. The proposed operating budget for FY 2002 from all funding sources is \$316.1 million – an increase of approximately \$9.3 million, or about 3 percent over the FY2001 budget. Chief Ramsey said the budget proposal will allow the Department to continue building toward its goal of 3,800 sworn police officers and extend critical community policing, training and information technology efforts. The proposed capital budget for the MPDC contains another \$46.3 million to support key infrastructure and IT projects. Read the text of Chief Ramsey's complete statement to the Council at:

www.mpdc.org **(Click on News)**

MPDC NAMES LIAISON TO ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONS

“Policing for Prevention,” the MPDC's community policing strategy, is about establishing partnerships among police, other government agencies, residents and community leaders. The District's Advisory Neighborhood Commissions represent critical components of these problem-solving partnerships. To facilitate communication between the MPDC and the ANCs, and to better coordinate community policing efforts in the neighborhoods, Chief Ramsey has named a new ANC liaison for the Department, Ani Russell, director of the MPDC's Community Partnerships Section. She can be reached at 202-727-1585 or via e-mail at arussell@mpdc.org.

Find out about ANCs in general, the commission in your neighborhood, by clicking on:

anc.washingtondc.gov/main.htm

PARTNERSHIPS FOR PROBLEM SOLVING TRAINING CONTINUES ON 28 MORE PSAs

On Saturday, dozens of Metropolitan Police officers, city agency representatives, and community leaders and residents from across the District of Columbia convened in Northeast for a unique program that trains the police and community in how to work together to solve neighborhood crime problems. The MPDC's "Partnerships for Problem Solving" program shows officers and residents how to use a five-step problem-solving process to target specific crime and disorder problems in their neighborhoods. Launched in the spring of 1999, Partnerships for Problem Solving is providing community policing training on all 83 Police Service Areas (PSAs) in the District. To date, 55 PSAs have gone through the training or are currently in the process. Saturday's session is an orientation for the remaining 28 PSAs, which cover all seven police districts. This orientation was followed by a series of training sessions that took place in each of the 28 participating communities. To find out about PPS training on your PSA, call the MPDC's Community Partnerships Section at 202-727-1585.

*Learn more about Partnerships
for Problem Solving and the five-
step problem-solving process at:*

www.mpd.org
(Click on Services & Program)

*Even with the success of WAVE
and other enforcement
initiatives, auto theft remains a
serious problem in DC. For some
common-sense tips you and your
neighbors can take to reduce
your risk of being a vehicle theft
victim, click on:*

www.mpd.org
(Click on Safety Tips)

WAVE UNIT WORKING TO COMBAT MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT IN DC

Studies show that the Washington metropolitan region has one of the nation's highest per-capita rates of motor vehicle theft. To combat the problem on a coordinated, regional basis, the MPDC one year ago joined forces with the auto theft units in Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Fairfax County, the Maryland State Police and the FBI's Washington Field Office to form WAVE: the Washington Area Vehicle Enforcement task force. During its first year in operation, WAVE succeeded in recovering more than 240 stolen vehicles, valued at more than \$3.1 million. The unit also arrested 235 suspects and seized 16 firearms. WAVE officers are placing a high priority on these dangerous offenders, recognizing that stolen autos are often crime enablers, providing transportation for criminals involved in bank robberies, drug transactions and violent street crimes. To report information about stolen vehicles in the DC area, call toll-free 1-888-TELLMSP (1-888-835-5677).

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL: 3-1-1 FOR POLICE NON-EMERGENCIES

Learn more about the MPDC's toll-free telephone number for reporting police non-emergencies at:
<http://www.mpd.org/> (click on Telephone Directory)

You or your group can get 3-1-1 materials — brochures, flyers, refrigerator magnets and stickers — by calling 202-727-9346 or e-mailing: kmorison_mpd@excite.com.

Information, ideas or comments about this service?

E-mail Kevin Morison, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kmorison_mpd@excite.com.

Would you like to have this information emailed to you? Just go to our web site and register with crimereports.com.

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